

Appl No. 09/663,891

Response dated May 17, 2005

Response to Office Action of March 9, 2005

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2005. The Office Action rejected Applicant's Claims 1, 3 and 4 as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 5,845,067 ("Porter"). Additionally, the Office Action rejected Claims 2, 8 and 9 as obvious in view of Porter, and 5 and 6 as obvious in view of the combination of Porter and US Pat. No. 5,951,620 ("Ahrens"). Claims 10-39 were allowed, and Claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

With this response, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 8 and canceled Claim 7. Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 14(p)(5) because they include reference numbers 40, 60 and 62 in Figure 1 not mentioned in the description. Applicant respectfully believes that the drawings do comply with 37 CFR 14(p)(5) because the reference numbers 40, 60 and 62 are mentioned in the written description. Specifically, reference number 40 is found at page 12, line 12; page 13, lines 7, 15, 22; page 29, line 7, 11, 14; page 35, line 23 and page 36, line 5. Reference number 60 is found at page 18, line 17, 20, 23; page 20, line 7; page 22, line 22; page 30, lines 7, 10; page 32, line 16; page 33, line 11 and page 38, line 2. Reference number 62 is found at page 18, line 18, 21; page 20, line 7; page 22, line 19; page 30, lines 8, 10; page 36, line 10; page 38, line 3 and page 48, lines 7, 10, 20, 22.

The Office Action also objected to reference number 22 designating a "distribution medium" on page 10, line 7 and a "portable data storage device" on page 14, line 10 of the specification as not being consistent with one another. Applicant respectfully believes that the use of the reference number 22 is consistent throughout the specification because "portable data storage device" is an exemplary embodiment of the "distribution medium."

Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the allowance of Claims 10-39 and the indication that Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

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Claim 1

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 by incorporating the subject matter of allowable Claim 7. Accordingly, Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 8

Applicant has amended independent Claim 8 by incorporating the subject matter of allowable Claim 7. Accordingly, Claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant's dependent Claims 2-6 and 9

Applicant's dependent Claims 2-6 and 9 are allowable at least for the reason that they depend upon allowable base claims. In addition, these claims include features that are not disclosed by the cited references.

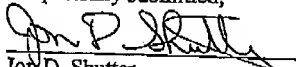
Information Disclosure Statement

Please find enclosed hereinwith a Fourth Information Disclosure Statement.

Conclusion

With the present response, all the issues in the Office Action mailed March 9, 2005 have been addressed. Applicants submit that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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